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PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Joshua Stevenson

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
President Kathy E. Johnson, Ph.D.
The University of New Orleans

HONORARY SPEAKER
Kiki Baker Barnes, Ph.D.
Commissioner, Gulf Coast Athletic Conference
Bachelor of General Studies, '97
Ph.D. in Educational Administration, '14

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF THE GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
Annie Juttner
Bachelor of Science,
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism
Administration, '08

Letter from the President

Dear Graduates,
This is a truly momentous occasion, and I am confident that you will remember this milestone for the rest of your life. It is my privilege to participate in the celebration of your success. I hope that you will cherish your time spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connection that you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever. Please know that we, the entire University of New Orleans community, are immensely proud of your accomplishments.

Each degree earned represents years of determination by a graduate who persisted, regardless of academic challenges, financial obstacles, work obligations or family responsibilities. I want to draw special attention to the graduates who first enrolled in the fall of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. Many of you did not have a true high school graduation ceremony. You entered UNO at a tumultuous time when everything was different and very few of your interactions were face-to-face. Hardships were omnipresent. But you persevered and now you are graduating. I could not be more thrilled to honor you and your indomitable spirit at this commencement ceremony.

Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support our alumni in any way possible, and I hope that you will continue to engage with us. While you may feel as though you have concluded your education, the truth is we are never finished learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is endlessly fascinating and fulfilling. If we can be part of your future educational pursuits, whether it be another degree or graduate education, please let us know.

My aspiration is for you to achieve success—however you define it, to find your passion in your life and in your career, and for you to do what you can to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with others at the University of New Orleans is the foundation for the next phase of your life. You have now earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go. I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

Dr. Kathy Johnson, *President*
The University of New Orleans

University of New Orleans Mission Statement

The University of New Orleans is a comprehensive urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, advancing shared knowledge and adding to the region's industry, culture and economy. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, serves national and international students and enhances the quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, service learning, cultural and academic activities.

Commencement Speaker: Kiki Baker Barnes

Two-time University of New Orleans alumna Kiki Baker Barnes is the commissioner of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC), a 10-member conference of historically Black colleges and universities. In 2022, she became the first African American woman to occupy this role in the history of the GCAC and in any conference in the history of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an association founded in 1937 that includes more than 250 member institutions. In her first two years at the helm, she increased conference membership by 53% and annual revenue by over 1,000%. Additionally, Baker Barnes leads Kiki Baker Barnes, LLC, focusing on leadership development and strategic planning, and is the founder of So You Want A Career in Athletics™, a program aimed at exposing young women to sports career opportunities.

Prior to her current position, Baker Barnes spent nine years as president of the GCAC, during which time she navigated the conference through a period of change by recruiting new institutions and enhancing the championship experience for student-athletes. Her career includes coaching roles at various colleges and universities, demonstrating her dedication to athlete development. Baker Barnes spent 16 years as director of athletics at Dillard University, where she oversaw significant achievements including national and conference titles, the

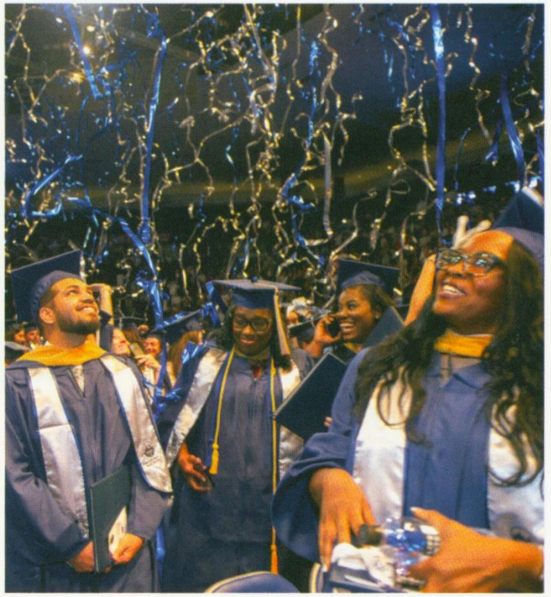
establishment of new sports teams, and the creation of the university's first endowed athletic scholarship and sports hall of fame. Her strategic partnerships and initiatives, such as the launch of the Bleu Devil Classic and Dillard Bleu Devil Sports Network, advanced the university's sports programming.

Baker Barnes has received recognition and won awards such as the Nell Jackson Nike Executive of the Year and the NACDA Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year. She is actively involved in community service, serving on boards and committees related to sports and athletics administration. She holds a bachelor's degree from UNO, a master's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a Ph.D. in education administration from UNO.

A native of Minden, Louisiana, Baker Barnes is also certified as a speaker and trainer with the John Maxwell team. Her impact extends beyond her professional achievements, as she serves as a mentor and consultant in the sports industry.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes undergraduate students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. The three designations in this category are: summa cum laude (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; magna cum laude (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.700-3.899; and cum laude (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.699. A student may also graduate with University Honors. This achievement requires the student to earn 18 credit hours of honors-qualifying coursework, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in their major and at least a 3.25 overall. To graduate with University Honors with Thesis requires the same requirements as University Honors with the addition of a six-credit hour senior honors thesis in their major (applying toward the 18 credit hours of honors qualifying coursework).



Where We're From!

States | Spring 2024 graduating classes from Louisiana and the following 31 U.S. states and territories:

Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
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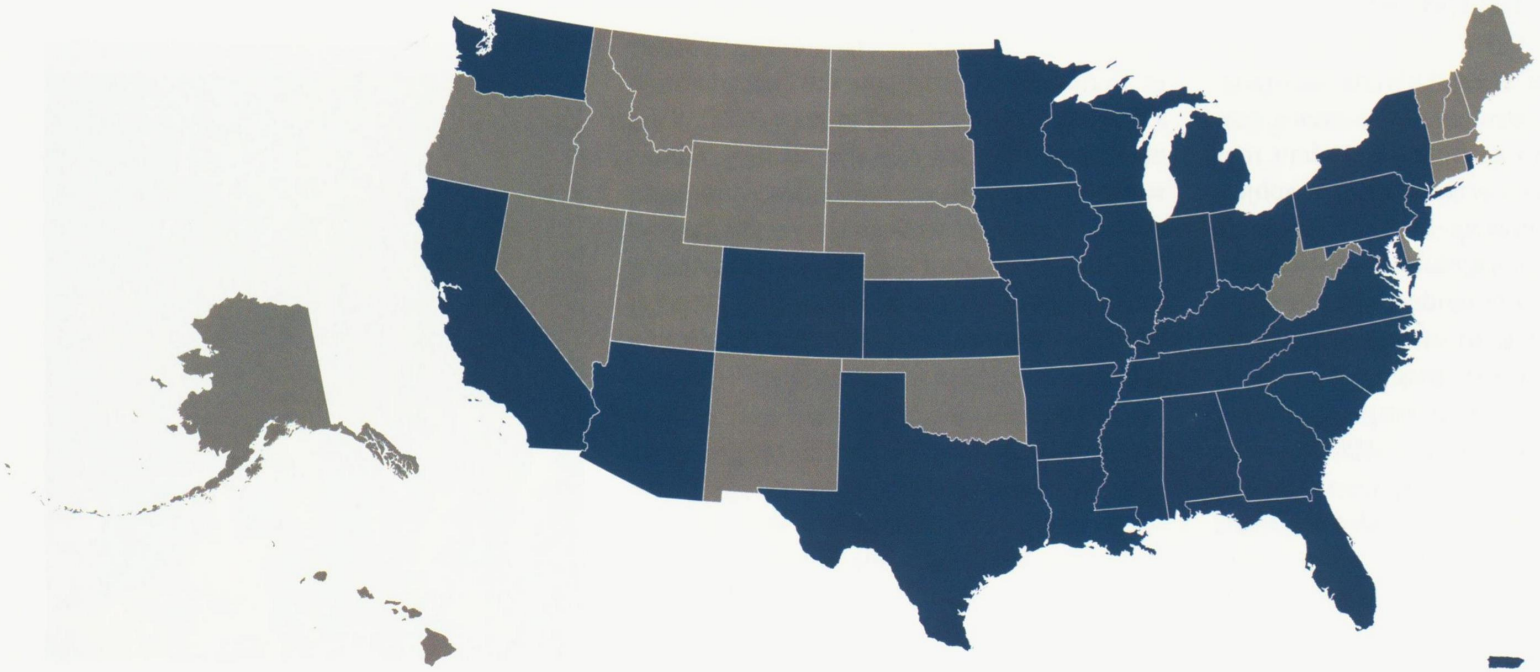
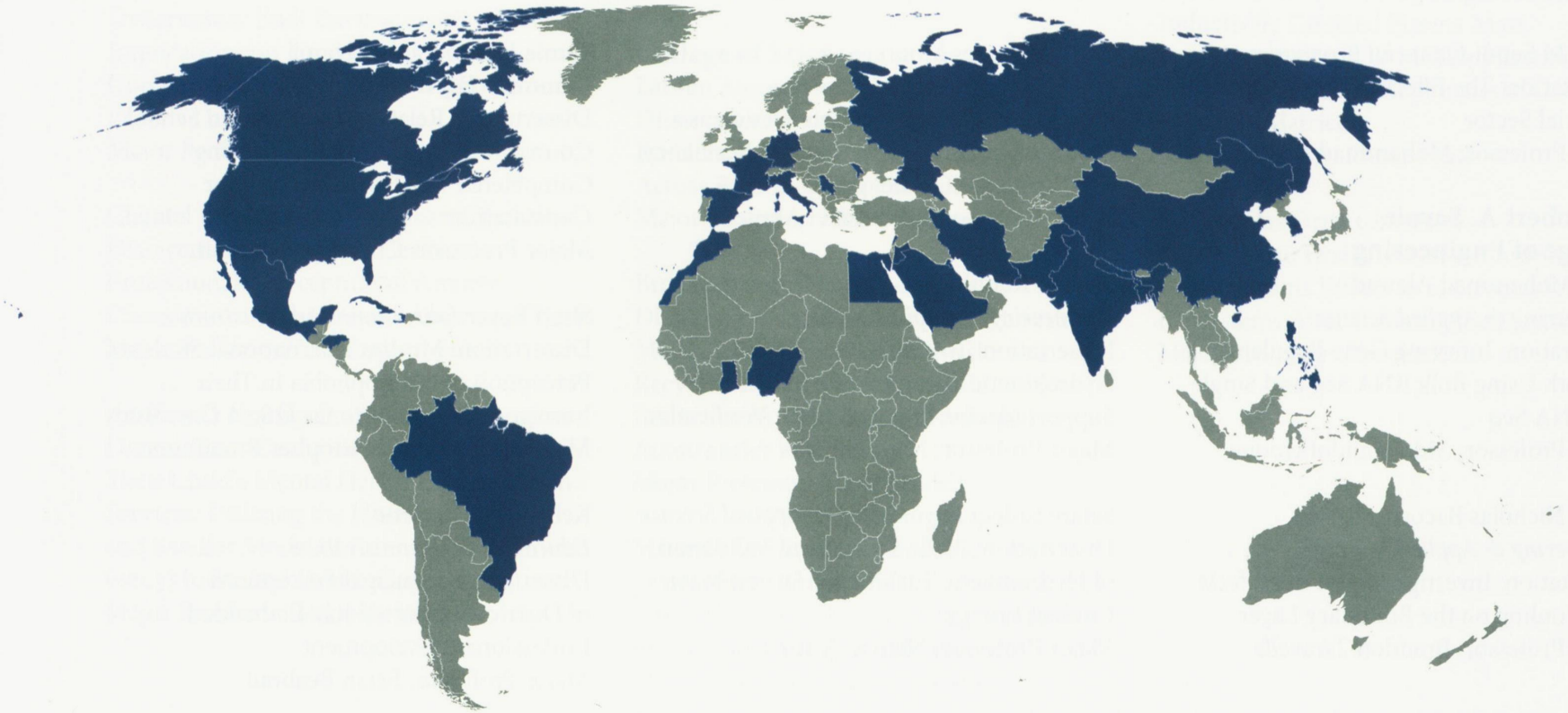


Countries | Spring 2024 graduating classes come from the following 32 areas abroad:

Bangladesh	Germany	Jamaica	Nepal	Singapore
Brazil	Ghana	Jordan	Nigeria	South Korea
Canada	Haiti	Kuwait	Pakistan	Spain
China	Honduras	Lebanon	Philippines	Vietnam
Cuba	India	Mexico	Russia	
Egypt	Iran	Moldova	Saudi Arabia	
France	Italy	Morocco	Serbia	



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Hassan Ahmed Nayef Bataineh
Financial Economics
Dissertation: Bank Board Diversity, ESG Activities, and Bank Risk-Taking
Major Professor: Mohammad Kabir Hassan

Asaad M Sendi *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: The Effect of ESG on the Financial Sector
Major Professor: Mohammad Kabir Hassan

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Duaa Mohammad Alawad
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Inferring Gene Regulatory Network Using Bulk RNA Seq and Single Cell RNA Seq
Major Professor: Md Tamjidul Hoque

Adam Nicholas Bacon
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Investigation on the Effects of Biofouling on the Boundary Layer
Major Professor: Brandon Taravella

Edward Arthur Holmberg lV
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Choreographing the Rhythms of Observation: Ranged Observer Bipartite-Unipartite SpatioTemporal (ROBUST) Networks
Major Professor: Mahdi Abdelguerfi

Brendan James Moore
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Innovative Rate Design as a Free Market Solution to Climate, Resiliency, and Economic Challenges
Major Professor: Syed Adeel Ahmed

Shahab Rouhi
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Towing Tank Trials of Hydrokinetic Turbine Scale Model to Support Marine Energy System Verification
Major Professor: Nikolas Xiros

Setare Sadeqi *Engineering & Applied Science*
Dissertation: Blade Design and Validation of Hydrokinetic Turbine to Harvest Water Current Energy
Major Professor: Nikolas Xiros

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Deborah Ann Allsbrook *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Moral Dilemmas: A Phenomenological Exploration of Military Members' Experience of War
Major Professor: Zarus Watson

Tamia H Randolph-Alvarez
Counselor Education
Dissertation: Relationship Between School Counselor Multicultural Counseling Competence and School Counselor Consultation
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Sheri Beyer *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Muslim International Students' Perception of Islamophobia in Their Immigration Journey to the U.S.: A Case Study
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Kelly Ledet Burlette
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Principal Perceptions of District Supported Job-Embedded Professional Development
Major Professor: Brian Beabout

Kelly Marie Clark
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Breaking Through: A Study of Educators in All-male Classrooms and the Instructional Decisions They Use to Bridge the Gender Academic Achievement Gap
Major Professor: Brian Beabout

Florence Fleischer Djoleto *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Built Environment Implications on Food Access: A Comparative Study of Two Neighborhoods in New Orleans
Major Professor: Michelle Thompson

Chantel Kanika Gant *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Behavioral Health Professionals' Perception of Anxiety Disorders Amongst African American Clients
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Andrew Q Holmgren *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Caregiver Engagement in Their Child's Mental Health Rehabilitation Services: Utilizing the Hoover-Dempsey and Sandler Model of Parental Involvement (2005) in Mental Health Counseling
Major Professor: Michelle Wade

SummerRae Bethany Landry
Counselor Education
Dissertation: An Integrated Transformational Teaching Model for Empowering Undergraduate Psychology Students to Cultivate Self-Awareness, Wellness Practices, and Resilient Mindsets During Their Undergraduate Careers
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

College of Sciences

Lauren Aaron *Applied Psychology*
Dissertation: Family Conflict and Children's Problem Behaviors: A Bidirectional Analysis Across Emerging Adolescence
Major Professor: Elliott Beaton

Brooke Nicole Diehl *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Investigation into Transition Metals Immobilized on Halloysite as a Recyclable Catalyst for Cycloaddition, Reductive Amination, and Hydrogen Autotransfer Reactions
Major Professor: Mark Trudell

Miranda Lee Evans *Applied Psychology*
Dissertation: Growth in Co-occurring Internalizing and Externalizing Symptoms of Psychopathology in Adolescence
Major Professor: Matthew Scalco

Maxwell Louis Harsha *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Chemical Composition, Fate, and Toxicity of Hydrocarbon Oxidation Products in High Latitude Aquatic Environments
Major Professor: David Podgorski

Deja Gabrielle Hebert *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Advancing Single Particle Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (spICP-MS) Applications for the Detection of Nanomaterials in Complex Matrices
Major Professor: Phoebe Zito

Yanila Salas Ortiz *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Evaluation of Anthropogenic Contaminants Effects in Subtropical Aquatic Ecosystems After Catastrophic Events
Major Professor: Phoebe Zito

Master's Degrees

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration
Muna Albashtawi
Thomas Artigas
Noah Bailey
Caitlin Barnes
Jori Bryant
Elsie Chaar
Keith Ellsworth II
Kobe Johnson
Christian Lewis
Sasha Munchak
Mandy Nguyen
My-Thuy Nguyen
Joseph Nugent
Keragan Ogden
Gueninle Abdoul Karim Ouattara
Gabriell Parker
Jose Ramon Pineda
Cristian Poche
David Stanford
Zachary Taylor
Kimberly Thomas
Sabrina Wadhwa

Master of Science
Benjamin Adcox, *Health Care Management*
Esther Ajoku, *Health Care Management*
Marwan Alahmadi, *Finance*
Sultan Alangari, *Finance*
Abdulaziz Almethen, *Finance*
Abulelah Almuqrin, *Finance*
Abdulrahman Alrowaished, *Finance*
Hamed Alshinkity, *Finance*
Hissah Altamimi, *Finance*
Roger Baudry, *Accounting*
Lydia Chaisson, *Accounting*
Jorden Dave, *Health Care Management*
Benjamin Fudali, *Finance*
Ayoub Ghalim, *Finance*
Kayla Hart, *Health Care Management*
Taeler Johnson, *Health Care Management*
Mengviseth Khuon, *Accounting*
Tuan Le, *Finance*
Raven Lyons, *Health Care Management*
Aarati Pant, *Accounting*
Kiara Parker, *Health Care Management*
José Antonio Pérez Amuedo, *Finance*
Katie Richard, *Health Care Management*
Francis Richard Jr, *Finance*
Lydia Roland, *Health Care Management*
Ngoc Yen Nhi Truong, *Accounting*
Huong Vu, *Accounting*
Yunxia Wang, *Health Care Management*
Gavin Wright, *Health Care Management*

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Graduate Certificate Historic & Cultural Preservation
Sam Bruce

Graduate Certificate Geographic Information Systems
Bailey Bullock
Christine Halling
Erin Hansen
Tyler Hanson
Laura Harris
Mary Sitter
Matthew Tifft

Graduate Certificate Disaster Management & Community Resilience
Julia Clark

Master of Arts
Samira Bechara, *History*
Sam Bruce, *History*

Fatima Chaar, *History*
Julian D'Aquin, *English*
Gregory Dubicki, *Romance Languages*
Nicholas Gagliano, *History*
Katherine Hanson, *Arts Administration*
Sterling Henry, *History*
Monica Ingle, *English*
Kevin Kelly, *English*
Theresa Keough, *Romance Languages*
Jenna Kopec, *English*
Michael Krall, *English*
William Marcotte, *English*
Hallé McKey, *English*
Marina McLaughlin, *English*
Mandilyn McMillan, *English*
Victoria Montalbano, *Arts Administration*
Mindy Morgan, *English*
Charlotte Naquin, *Sociology*
Daniel O'Connell, *Arts Administration*
Kelsey Pelham, *Romance Languages*
Kendric Perkins, *History*
Julia Robinson-O'Connell, *Arts Administration*
Yvette Rubio, *History*
Gregory Scott, *History*
Brooklin Sarver, *Romance Languages*
Ellen Spence, *Romance Languages*
Herbert Spurlock, *Romance Languages*
Elliott Stamps, *History*
Megan Suttoon, *Arts Administration*
Devin Sweet, *History*
Shelby Thibodaux, *History*
Claire Turner, *Romance Languages*
Samantha Vogt, *English*
Brittney Williams-Reese, *Arts Administration*

Master of Arts in Teaching

Hillary Bagley,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Laura Brabham,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Sarah Bruzeau,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Carol Eshleman,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Rachel Fitzsimmons,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Tamara Hosey,
Elementary Education/Special Education
Lucille MacCash,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Michelle O'Regan,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Jeanie Sorrells,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5

Master of Education

Abby Anderson, *Counselor Education*
Edgar Avila Jr, *Higher Education Admin*
Ebone' Canty, *Higher Education Admin*
Beth Deis, *Counselor Education*
Diamond Every, *Counselor Education*
Brittany Justin, *Counselor Education*
Kenneth Kliebert, *Counselor Education*
Anthony Martino, *Educational Leadership*
Jewel Morgan, *Educational Leadership*
Brooke Roussell, *Educational Leadership*

Master of Fine Arts

Jessica Brasseur, *Creative Writing*
Aaron Brewer, *Film & Theatre*
Michael Civitano, *Film & Theatre*
Laura Defazio, *Creative Writing*
Paige Devries, *Fine Arts*
Marlana Fireman, *Creative Writing*
Ryan Guenthner, *Creative Writing*
Madeleine Kelly, *Fine Arts*
Michael Krall, *Creative Writing*
Jordan Landry, *Film & Theatre*
William Marsh, *Creative Writing*
Caroline Moore, *Creative Writing*
Thi Nguyen, *Creative Writing*
J'aiLa Price, *Film & Theatre*
Fernando Rivera, *Creative Writing*
Christopher Romagosa, *Film & Theatre*
Meghan Sullivan, *Creative Writing*
Brookes Washington, *Creative Writing*
R'Myni Watson, *Film & Theatre*

Marshall Woodworth, *Film & Theatre*
Cristie Young, *Creative Writing*

Master of Music
Zijiao Chen
Ronan Cowan
Lee Lambert
Edward Long
John Renshaw
Dean Smith
Ravee Treesaksesakoon

Master of Public Administration
Sydney Carlini
Frances Crane
Amber Mitchell
Kenneth Smith
Zilan Tarif

Master of Science
Bailey Bullock, *Transportation*
Rob Fischer, *Transportation*
Emily Gallo, *Urban Studies*

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Julia Clark
Tyler Hanson
Bryce Jenkins
Ethan LeBlanc
Brendan Mott
Hannah Rachlis
Christina Ward
Matthew Wilson

College of Sciences
Graduate Certificate Data Analytics
Justin Bonanno
Wenqing Jiang
Heather Mayweather
Hui Zhou

Graduate Certificate Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
Michael Adogeri Sr
Russell Autin
Steven Bordelon
Michael Carbone
Mihajlo Drobnjakovic
Jared Wise

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering
Kiara Horton

Master of Science
Michael Adogeri Sr, *Computer Science*
Russell Autin, *Computer Science*
Tyrone Barrow, *Psychology*
Chastity Biggers, *Chemistry*
Irene Bonanomi, *Chemistry*
Steven Bordelon, *Computer Science*
Michael Carbone, *Computer Science*
Kelly Constance, *Chemistry*
Samael Dor, *Mathematics*
Mihajlo Drobnjakovic, *Computer Science*
Caitlin Dyer, *Psychology*
Aimane Ederouich, *Mathematics*
Mohamed Elsheref, *Chemistry*
Jonathan Ely, *Cybersecurity & Operations*
Victoria Henry, *Psychology*
Brandon Howe, *Applied Physics*
Wenqing Jiang, *Mathematics*
Alia Jones, *Earth & Environmental Science*
James Keen, *Applied Physics*
Abdullah Naeem, *Computer Science*
Justin Nguyen, *Biological Sciences*
Aaditya Paudel, *Mathematics*
Dante Scott, *Mathematics*
Asaad Sendi, *Computer Science*
Marisa Spengeman, *Chemistry*
Angela Truxillo, *Chemistry*
Eduardo Turcios Valle, *Chemistry*
Cynthia Valdiviezo Sosa, *Psychology*
Hannah Volpi, *Biological Sciences*
Marcel Volz, *Computer Science*
Elise Whitlock, *Psychology*
Jared Wise, *Computer Science*

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering

Kiara Horton

Master of Science in Engineering

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Shantanu Javdekar
Alish Khatiwada
Shaswat Koirala
Benjamin Meltzer
Oluwatosin Ojo
John Prajwal
Alice Stark
Meagan Williams
D'Quanz Young

Master of Science in Engineering Management

Zaineb Alrashed
Valery Paz Rivera
Toni Trail

Undergraduate Degrees

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Pamela Kennett-Hensel Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science

Summer Abdelaziz
Esra Alnajjar
Sasha Alvarado
Darri'Yonne Anderson
Kelcy Andino
Emily Arabie
Zachary Asaro
Sydney Atkins
Stokely Austin
Beau Baker
Dominick Baroni✧
Caitlin Baudier
Khadija Bazzi
Kenneth Bearden
Briana Bell
Kyle Bennett□
Emma Boudreaux
Anna Briscoe□
Dwendolyn Brown
Dinh Bui□
Cindy Buse□
Ashley Cabrera
Brooke Callaghan
Aurora Caparotta◇
Ian Carbo
Emily Carpenter
Matthew Carroll
Elizabeth Carrone□
Hannah Cartozzo
Jaedynn Charles
Mahnoor Cheema✧
Divinte Collier
Grayson Cooley
Hannah Davis
Tristanne Dechoux✧
Duy Do
Marcus Dorsey
William Duncan III□
Jennifer Duong✧
Johnny Duong
Brian Ellis
Daniela Espinoza
Tyler Evans

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude

Ryan Fulton
Nicole Girau
Justin Gore
Alexis Graves
Matthew Guelfo
John Hall◇
Ramzi Halum□
Emily Hernandez
Darien Hines
Serena Holmes◇
Anthony Huynh
Mya James
Nakia James
Nakia Jace James Jr
Jajuan Johnson
Mathieu Jonz✧
Luke Joujan◇
Benjamin Kakaris□
Sergio Katerejian✧
Grace Kelly◇
James King◇
Jenna LaBruzza✧
Steven Le✧
Harrison LeBlanc
Trameka Lewis
Christian Lill
Ashton Loria
Matthew Marino
Marly Mathieu

Jacob Maza□
Hanna Miller✧
Ecaterina Mirza✧
Nigel Moore Jr
Elaina Morgan
Audelia Morin Kougoucheff✧
Lakean Munoz
Leila Nguyen
Sabrina Nguyen□
Tam Nguyen
Thy Nguyen
Emmanuel Oko
Ytati Olivarri
Alexandria Ortega
Kayla Ortiz
Emily Ott✧
Ryan Parker
Zachary Perry✧
Tiffany Phan□
Michael Plauche
William Pontiff
Cole Ragas
Melanie Redmond□
Colin Richards
Rozhai Rickmon
Kinley Rivera✧
Mason Roberts
Katherine Rolfes
Jason Roper

Zoe Rudesill
Gretzalie Salinas
Camila Sandoval
Jason Santiago
Emily Schneider
Julian Schneider
Stephen Scholl
Monzer Seder
Qusey Shafei
Kaliyah Sincere
Cole Smith
Caleb Stearns
Danielle Stubbs
Zachary Sullivan
Teagan Symons
London Taylor
Mason Taylor-Del Castillo
Jonathan Trahan
Jennifer Tran
Tony Tran
Duc Truong
Jaudai Vappie
Christopher Venture
Luke Vo
Ethan Vu□
Hoang Vu□
Valerie Vujnovich
Jade Williams
Kelly Xiao□

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude

Tomeka Young-Marshall
Syeeda Zaidi◇
Nagham Zeidan
Martha Zmuda

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Samuel Gladden Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Mohammed Ridha Abraham
Grant Barras
Maverick Becker
Isabella Bodin
Caroline Bordelon✧
Hayden Brodnax
Kalif Brown
Olivia Brown
Keoni Butcher□
Jazmin Carey
James Case
Jillian Churchill□
Thomas Cleary
Collen Cosse✧
Emma Cox
Whittinee Cox
Rusan Daniels
Trason Danos
Elisha Davis
Allison Day
Dylan Decker✧
Frankie Dell
Mica Derbes
Layla Dickinson
Owen Dismukes□
Kolby Dogans
Hunter Dupepe
Brandi Dupree Miles
William Durante□
Katherine Durel✧
Peyton Fischer✧
Ryan Foret
James Frazier
Heidi Garcia
Shelia Gaudin
John Gause
Milah Gresham◇
Jean Guidry
Livia Guillot
Kaitlyn Hall
Jody Harrison
Alexander Haydel
Kori Hebert
Katherine Heller◇
Jane Hill◇
August Huete
Teyonna Iofton
Jennifer Jasso
Macie Jeansonne
Ashanti Johnson
Reginal Johnson
Kevin Johnson Jr
Gloria Jordon
Lauren Kandt
Paymon Khaleghi
Brett Kimball
Austin King
Nick Kleppinger✧
Reid Knighten
Torie LaCaze
Sabrina Lafleur
Christian LaNasa
Quyen Le
Evelyn Lee✧
Lauren Lee
Cooper Lemons□
Jacob Austin Lloyd
Teyonna lofton
Toshiba Luckett
Angela Medina✧
Caitlin Moore
Eva Morenc
Geoffrey Morrison
Shana Moten
Seth Mouton
Gloria Nimtz
Edie Owen✧

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude

Aryn Pitre✧
Kennedy Potter□
Jihad Qoran✧
Sebaika Raza◇
Phillip Reed Jr
Brian Reel✧
Garrett Richardson□
Jayla Roberts
Raven Snow□
Joshua Stevenson◇
Mary Stringer
Sophia Swoboda
Ronald Tenhundfeld
Matthew Trochez
Maya Veal
Thomas Waguespack
J'Adore Williams
Taylor Wright

Bachelor of Science
Ramy Abukhalil
Alyssa Albers
Brianna Applegate□
Amanda Batarseh
Karen Bieller
Luis Caballero
Marigny Clay✧
Cameron Cochran
Rusan Daniels
Samir Delgado
Emma Detweiler✧
Katharine Doggett□
Melanie Duvic✧
Mona Farhud✧
Joecel Franco□
Malak Gaber
Michelle Gallegos Díaz✧
Taylor Galloway◇
Edna Gonzalez□
McKenzie Gray
Keith Greene
Andrew Guidry
Kimberly Gutierrez✧
Brooke Hanley✧
Haimi Huynh□
Kiary Lafayette
Ashleigh Lark◇
Tuan Anh Le
Jacob LeBlanc
R Leger
Ashley Lenz□
Angelo Leone✧
Brianna Lucas
Noor Mahmood
Lauren Mangels
Brandi Miller◇
Leann Mire
Caitlin Nemetz
Sarah Rogers✧
Nasir Soniat
Marissa Stamm
Kiara Trejo Melgar□
Dennis Vo□
Abby Young✧

College of Sciences
Steven G Johnson Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science
Tesneem Abdelfattah
Ahmad Abdelwahab
Maria Alexeeva✧
Ehren Andrus◇
Ryan Artus
Tyashja Ballet
Kaleb Bartholomew
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Pamela Colbert
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Jasmine Curry
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Kelsey Green
Kendall Guidroz
George Guilford
Daijohn Gustave
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Tyanna Hartley
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Johnathon Kovacic
Christopher Latournerie
Anthony Le
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Tyler Lirette◇
Cade Litolff✧
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Benjamin Nagin◇
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Kurt Oberlander◇
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Sabrina O'Quain
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Eve Rodriguez
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Gabrielle Sheets
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Brant Singleton□
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Megan Talley
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Kaitlyn Tillman◇
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The Alma Mater

UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.
Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Arts Teaching (MAT) – Light Blue
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Economics – Copper
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
French – White
General Business Administration – Drab
Health Care Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Spanish – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

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University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

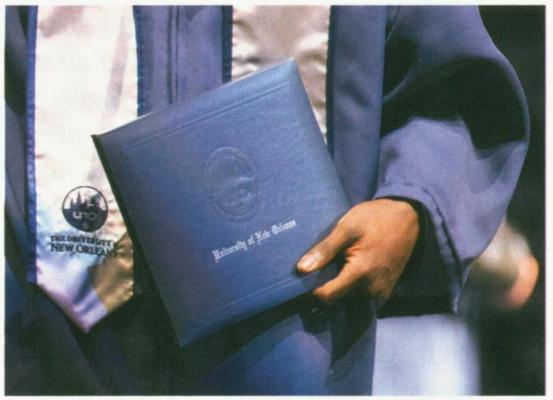
The President's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

The University of New Orleans Alumni Association provides fun and meaningful opportunities for graduates to stay connected to and engaged with UNO. The association hosts alumni events year-round, promotes the success of UNO students and builds awareness of UNO's importance to our community and region. In addition to discounts on insurance products, car rentals, UNO bookstore purchases, library and fitness center privileges, the benefits of membership also include opportunities for professional networking and leadership development, a business directory for UNO-run businesses and more. Visit **unomatrix.com** to register for a free membership and receive your digital membership card!



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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.

We want your feedback! Please scan to complete a brief survey about your commencement experience.